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SUBJECT: USLO SPACE NEEDS

REF: STATE 106407

1. THIS IS INTERIM RESPONSE TO REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT AT SOME LENGTH WITHIN USLO SINCE ROY'S DEPARTURE AND RECEIPT OF REFTEL AND WILL PURSUE THE QUESTION FURTHER ASAP AFTER AMBASSADOR GATES' ARRIVAL.

3. IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO BE AWARE THAT WE ARE CONCERNED, INTER ALIA, ABOUT FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF PROPOSED APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO:

DISCUSSION WITH CHIAO WHICH FOCUSES ON OFFICE SPACE/HOUSING PROBLEM SHOULD FOLLOW ONLY UPON COMPLETE AND DETAILED ASSESSMENT AS TO WHAT IT IS PRECISELY THAT WE NEED AND WISH TO DEMAND. APPOINTMENT WITH CHIAO MIGHT COME WITHIN FEW DAYS AFTER AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AND BEFORE HE WILL HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REACH INDEPENDENT CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE ISSUES AND BEFORE WE ARE ABLE ADEQUATELY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH DEPARTMENT IN LIGHT OF HIS CONCLUSIONS.

4. AT THIS POINT, THEREFORE, WE ARE INCLINED TO FEEL
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THAT AMBASSADOR GATES SHOULD MAKE BROAD BRUSH ALLUSION

TO OFFICE SPACE/HOUSING PROBLEM AT HIS FIRST MEETING
WITH CHIAO, BUT SHOULD NOT GET INTO AS MUCH DETAIL AS
IMPLIED BY REFTEL. FOCUS OF AMBASSADOR GATES' PRESENTATION
WOULD BE ON OTHER MATTERS.
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